The Ministry of Jesus

Slain from the Foundations of the World

Revelation 13:8

1 Peter 1:19-21

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Jesus: not a New Testament creation.

but God from Eternity!

Testimony of John 1:1 & 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

- Jesus is "The Word."
- "Was" in Greek tense indicates forever in the past. No beginning.
- The Word is God.
- The Word became flesh (Jesus).

The Concept of the Trinity

Genesis 1,26: Let us make man in our image.

Deuteronomy 6,4: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

The Word for God is Elohim. (Hebrew), the plural form of God.

It literally says, the Lord our Gods is one.



Genesis 19,24:

The Lord (Yehovah) rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the Lord (Yehovah) out of the heavens.



The Testimony of Jesus

John 5,18: Jews wanted to kill Jesus because He considered Himself equal to God. John 10,30 & 31:
"I and the Father
are one. Then the
Jews took up stones
to kill Him."

Philippians 2,6-8

Jesus Christ- though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Verse 6:

Jesus is in the form of God

Verse 7:

He emptied Himself

Verse 7:

Jesus is equal to God

Verse 8:

Jesus took the form form of a servant

God is one!

In the Old Testament, God principally identified Himself as "Jehovah" or Yahweh." Jesus came and revealed God to us! The following Scriptures show how God is one.

	Old Testament Reference for God	New Testament Reference for Jesus
The Good Shepherd	Psalm 23,1; Isaiah 40,11	John 10,11 & 14
The First and the Last	Isaiah 41,4	Revelation 1,7 & 17
We are His witnesses	Isaiah 43,10	Acts 1,8
The only Savior	Isaiah 43,11	Acts 4,12
The "I am"	Exodus 3,14	John 8,58; 18,5

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The Rock	Psalm 18,2; Deuteronomy 32,4	1 Corinthians 10,4; Acts 4,11
John the Baptist prepared His way	Malachi 3,1	Mark 1,2-3
The Creator	Genesis 1,1	John 1,3; Colossians 1,16
To be worshipped	Deuteronomy 6,13	Hebrews 1,6
Lord	Isaiah 45,23	Romans 14,11; Philippians 2,10
Judge	Psalm 50,4-7; 67,4	Romans 14,10-11; 2 Corinthians 5,10

A Divine Order

1 Corinthians 15,28: When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

There is but one God, yet there are three persons: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They are equal, yet distinct. And there is a divine order, where the Son is submitted to the Father. (See also 1 Corinthians 12, 4-6; John 16, 13-14)

Similarly, in a marriage there are two persons: a husband and wife. They are both equal, but the wife is submitted to the husband, Ephesians 5,22.

Sacrifice: God's plan for Redemption

Leviticus 17,11: For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

Examples of Sacrifices in the Old Testament

Genesis 3,21: Adam & Eve

Genesis 4,4: Abel

Genesis 8,20: Noah

Genesis 12,7: Abraham

Exodus 12: Israel



The Lamb was to be a Lamb "without blemish" or "defects," Exodus 12,5.

Old Testament sacrifices were insufficient

Hebrews 10, 1 & 4: For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Jesus is the Fulfillment of the promise of Redemption

Hebrews 10: 5,10-12: Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

Jesus is the Lamb of God!

Isaiah 53, 1-7: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Declaration of John the Baptist

John 1,29: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World."



Other Scriptures

- Matthew 1,21: "You shall call Him Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins."
- Mark 10,45: The Son of Man came...to give His life a ransom for many.
- propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
- Peter 1, 18 & 19: You were ransomed...with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.



1 Corinthians 11,23-26

The Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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